

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

DECEMBER 21, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Sam Muzio, Michael Zuccarelli, Peter Criscuolo, Daniel Fleming, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief David Marcarelli.

Chairman Nuzzolillo introduced Mr. Freda to conduct the organizational meeting per the Town Charter.

First Selectman, Michael Freda wished all a Happy Holiday and then asked for nominations of the Board of Fire Commission. Also, he thanked all the volunteer firefighters for their fine work on the Toy Closet success and to all the commissioners on this Board for their hard work.

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to nominate Pasquale Nuzzolillo as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded. Then Commissioner Criscuolo seconded again.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo made a motion to nominate Sam Muzio as Vice Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded. Then Commissioner Criscuolo seconded again.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to nominate Michael Zuccarelli as Secretary of the Board of Fire Commission. Chairman Nuzzolillo seconded. Then Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Mr. Freda congratulated all the commissioners and thanked them all for their efforts and outstanding commitment in regard to the Fire Department.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked First Selectman, Michael Freda for conducting the Organizational Meeting on behalf of the fire service and wished Happy Holidays to all.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to change the order of the agenda for the evening meeting. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Chief Landisio then spoke of the four (4) members of the department and their commitment while going through the State Certification course and passing their Firefighter I class.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then read the oath to volunteer firefighters Todd Levine & Al Fonda of West Ridge Company # 3, Dan Pedalino of Northeast Company # 4 and Michael Swanson of Montowese Company # 2. He thanked them for educating themselves and for the commitment to the Town of North Haven and the department's commitment to keep them safe and well trained. He also thanked their families.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated the next item on the agenda would be the stork pin ceremony for Mary Gribble.

Chief Landisio spoke of the incident the day it came in and how it unfolded. The pins were then awarded by the mother Elizabeth Gribble to the members of the department and Dan Deline of Nelson Ambulance for a job well done.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Commission stated it was exciting to celebrate these two (2) ceremonies showing the good of the department.

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the minutes of November 16, 2011. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

The Chief's report was given; he spoke of items involving the department such as the alarms; Deputy Chief Marcarelli's successful completion of fire marshal school – sworn in on December 9, 2011 as Deputy Fire Marshal; spoke of only correspondence he received-Recruit John Bysko at Fire Academy graduating December 22, 2011 and starting on the job December 26, 2011; budget issues/concerns for this fiscal year; and training within the department. Lastly, he stated he would defer sick/injury leave to the executive session. Chairman Nuzzolillo agreed.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He spoke Rules & Regulations in draft form to be reviewed at next months meeting; 2012 Parade/Convention committee and fund raising efforts; contract negotiations; lastly, the station rebuilds discussion and vote upcoming with more people to get involved.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the commission congratulated Deputy Chief on his successful completion and becoming Deputy Fire Marshal. Deputy Chief Marcarelli thanked all.

Commissioner Criscuolo had some quick questions for Chief Landisio regarding elevating Lieutenant's to Captains and the volunteer's pension cost of living raises. Chief Landisio stated it is an ongoing process and the door is not closed on these items.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the new business in the department. He spoke of company nominations to be discussed in executive session. Chairman Nuzzolillo agreed.

Chief Landisio discussed the good of the department. He spoke of the completion of the toy drive and Santa runs by all companies; holiday parties within department; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays from his staff to all. Lastly, the poster contest winners were awarded earlier in the day in the First Selectman's Office; savings bonds were handed out by President DeSimone of Local 2987 and gift cards to Toys R Us from the volunteer associations. The winners were very excited.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the commission congratulated all the winners, their parents, teachers as well as the Principals and Dr. Cronin, Superintendent of North Haven Public Schools for all their support. He then asked the Local 2987 President if he had anything to discuss. President Anthony DeSimone spoke of highway incidents being very dangerous and the possibility of the department adding Chevron striping to Engine 1 for their safety while on the highway (paperwork was handed out to commissioners). Chief Landisio stated he will take care of the situation. President DeSimone then wished everyone a very safe, Happy Holiday to all!

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked everyone from Local 2987 and the volunteer associations for their participation with the poster contest awards.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved to convene an executive session at 5:55 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to approve the carry over of unused vacation days from 2011 for Firefighter’s Michael Caruso, Louis Criscuolo III and Daniel Spetland into the 2012 calendar year. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to table the Company Nominations for 2012 pending further review. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if anyone had any public comments. None heard.

Therefore, there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 6:16 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Zuccarelli, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2011 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.